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Moſcow, Nov. 26.

THE Turkiſh Chiaus continues on the Frontiers, where he is obliged to make a Quarantine. In the mean time he has writ to ſome of the principal Miniſters of this Court, to let them know that he comes to make new propoſals for Peace. He has ſent hither a Letter from the Patriarck of *Conſtantinople* to our Patriarck, wherein the latter is deſired to contribute his aſſiſtances towards the making a Peace between the two Empires. The Polish Ambaſſadors are ſtill here.

Madrid, Dec. 28. The King and Queen continue at the *Buen Retiro*. The Queen will not make her publick Entry into this place till the 8th of the next Month, and will not do it on horſeback, but in a Chair, becauſe it's believed ſhe is with Child. The 22 inſtant dyed here the Prince *de Ligne*, formerly Governor of *Flanders*, and ſince Viceroy of *Sicily* and Governor of *Milan*. Count *Coriziuski* Envoy Extraordinary from the Crown of *Poland* is come hither from *Lisbon*; his Errand thither as well as to this Court is to demand aſſiſtance againſt the Turks.

Baſle, Dec. 27. The twenty fifth inſtant arrived here the Biſhop of *Oſnabrug* with his ſecond Son. He was going for *Italy* but the News of his Brother the Duke of *Hanouer*'s death obliges him to return to take poſſeſſion of the Dutchy of *Hanouer*, which is fallen to him. The Proteſtant Cantons of *Zurick*, *Berne*, *Baſle*, and *Schafthouſen* have had a meeting at *Arau*, ten miles from hence, where among other things they reſolved to interpoſe with the French King in favour of the City of *Geneva*, which they apprehended might be under the Kings diſpleaſure upon what had lately happened to the French Reſident there, as likewiſe to repeat their Inſtances at that Court, that the Fortifications now making at *Hunningen* may be diſcontinued.

Augsburg, Dec. 30. The 27th paſt Dyed here *John Frederick*, Duke of *Hanouer*, after 5 days Illneſs. He was Born in the year 1625, embraced the Romiſh Religion in 1657, he Married, in 1668 *Benedicte Philippe*, Daughter of *Edward* Prince Palatine, by whom he has left three Daughters, who can only Inherit his Moveables. Duke *George* his Father, by his Will in 1641, ordered, That his Countries ſhould be divided between his 2 Elder Sons, and that the younger ſhould only have Pentions. He left four Sons; *Chriſtian Louis* the eldeſt had the Dutchy of *Zell*. *George William* the ſecond, that of *Hanouer*. *Jean Frederick* the third had only Pentions till the year 1665, when *Chriſtian Louis* dying without children, he became Duke of *Hanouer*, and *George William* Duke of *Zell*, who having only a Daughter, that cannot Inherit, the Biſhop of *Oſnabrug*, the 4th Son of Duke *George*, ſucceeds in the Dutchy of *Hanouer*. Theſe Princes deſcend in a direct Line from *Henry de Lyon* of the Houſe of *Eſt* Duke of *Bavaria* and *Saxony*, who, for the differences he had with the Emperor *Frederick Barbaroſſe*, was deprived of his Eſtates, excepting only the Dutchies of *Brunſwick* and *Lunenburg*, in the Lower *Saxony*.

Munick, Jan. 1. The third paſt the Contract of Marriage between the Dauphin and our Electors Siſter the Princeſs *Marie Anne Chriſtienne Victoire*, was ſigned by Monſieur *Colbert* the French Ambaſſador, and his Electoral Highneſſes Comiſſioners; and now all things are preparing for the Ceremony of the Marriage. Monſieur *Colbert* will part hence in few days on his return for *France*, to take poſſeſſion of his place of Secretary of State. As for the Electors Marriage, the thoughts of it are deferred for ſome time, and then it's believed it will be with the Archdutcheſs the Emperors Daughter, for the diſpoſition of this Court inclines at preſent that way.

Ratisbonne, Jan. 7 The Elector of *Saxony* has by his Miniſter here given in a Memorial to the Dyet, to inform them of the Right he pretends to the Succeſſion of the Dutchies of *Juliers* and of *Berg*, and of the Counties of *la Marke* and *Ravensberg*. The ſaid Memorial ſets forth, That in the year 1525 *John Frederick* Elector of *Saxony* Marryed *Sibille*, Daughter of *John* III. Duke of *Cleves*, upon condition, That if *William* Brother to *Sibille* dyed without Iſſue Male, the Succeſſors of *John Frederick* ſhould Inherit preferably to the Daughters of the houſe of *Cleves*; That notwithſtanding upon the Death of *John William* the laſt Duke of *Cleves*, the Elector of *Brandenburg* and Duke of *Newburg* did poſſeſs themſelves of the Territories abovementioned, though they only derive their Right from *Marie*, *Eleanor* and *Ann*, Siſters to the ſaid Duke *John William*.

Hague, Jan. 16. The French Ambaſſador having been very preſſing with the States, for a ſpeedy and poſitive Anſwer upon the matter of the Alliance, after three days deliberation; they diſpatched away an Expreſs on Friday night laſt to their Ambaſſadors at *Paris*, and till he returns, their reſolution, which it's believed, is to excuſe to the French King their not being able in the preſent conjuncture, to comply with his deſires, will not be made publick, the ſeveral Depuies being in the mean time under an Oath of Secrecie. The Pentioner *Fagel* has been by order of the States, to acquaint Monſieur *d' Avaux* with what they have done, with which his Excellency was little pleaſed. The ſaid Pentioner has been likewiſe with Mr. *Sidney*, to let him know how much the States are encouraged by the aſſurances they have received of the Kings firmneſs to ſtand by them, and how ſenſible they are of His Majeſties friendſhip and kindneſs towards them,

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